

## CRUM IS DOWN.

Senator Tillman Forces the Withdrawal of His Name.

## A NOTABLE VICTORY

For Senator Tillman, Who, With the Aid of the Other Democrats, Forces the Republicans to Give Up Effort to Force Crum on Charleston as Collector.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Tillman today put the nails in Crum's political coffin when he secured a promise from Senator Fry, chairman of committee on commerce, charged with the duty of handling the nomination, that no further effort would be made to confirm Crum at the present session of Congress.

Senator Tillman got the floor soon after the Senate went into executive session, and after speaking for an hour, Senator Fry announced that as it was evident that the South Carolina Senator was just beginning, he would say that under such circumstances it would be impossible to put the Crum nomination through.

Senator Tillman did not at first understand Senator Fry. He stopped his speech and asked him what he meant.

Senator Fry replied that he would not push the matter further, because there was no apparent chance to make the nomination stick.

Senator Tillman then left the Senate chamber and other business was taken up.

The fact that Senator Fry has announced that he will not push the case further is a complete victory for Senator Tillman. In all he has spoken more than eight hours on the case. When he began the task of defeating Crum ten days ago, many Senators said that it could not be done, that President Roosevelt would fight through Senators Lodge, Fry and others. It would be absolutely impossible to block the nomination, and that it would put the people of Charleston in a better light if they would gracefully submit and make no further fight.

Senator Tillman took the opposite view, and went to work to fight as long as there was fighting ground.

In the beginning few of his colleagues were disposed to take part in the matter, but day by day more have come to his rescue until during the past few days practically all the Democratic strength of the Senate has been lined up with him in the fight.

Several days ago Senator Tillman announced that he was not interested in what became of Crum hereafter, that he could get any job he might desire, and that his only purpose was in waging a successful fight for the people of Charleston in the determination to prevent Crum from being again forced upon them. So far as he knows there has been no trade suggested, and he only wants Crum ousted from the collector's office.

The way the matter stands now, Crum will have to be nominated again, and it is not believed by those familiar with the situation that President-elect Taft has any idea of doing so.

A few days ago certain circumstances arose, which lent something of a mystery to the case, and this led to a belief that Mr. Taft had urged Senator Fry to push the case. It is almost certain now that he will not name Crum for another term.

Today's action apparently ends the case with Senator Tillman, and the people of Charleston who have furnished him with the ammunition to make the fight, the victory.

Senator Tillman would not discuss the matter tonight other than to say: "We have won out."

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## REVIVAL AT EASTMAN.

All the Business Houses Close for Morning Services.

Eastman, Ga., Feb. 8.—Remarkable in character are the revival meetings which have been held at the Methodist church in this city for the past two weeks. Rev. W. M. Christian, a well known evangelist, is conducting the services. One of the forces in the meeting is the singing, directed by Prof. D. W. Milan. The church is filled to overflowing at each service, and many have united with the church. Nearly all business houses in the city close for the morning service.

## Marries Telephone Girl.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Representative John A. Kelliher, of Boston, and his bride, who was Miss Nellie M. McNeil, a telephone girl, are due in Washington today after having been married on Sunday at the Holy Cross Cathedral.

## Recruit Snicides.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Patrick Kelly, en route for Columbus, Ohio, to begin service in the United States army, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid this morning in the army recruiting station here.

## MURDERER LYNCHED.

NEGRO WHO ROBBED AND KILLED MINISTER

At Houston, Miss., Several Days Ago, Taken From Jail and Hanged After He Confessed.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 8.—Roby Baskin, the eighteen-year-old negro under arrest here, has confessed to the murder of Dr. W. T. Hudson, in Moore's Grove, near this town, Saturday morning. He says he shot Dr. Hudson because he had robbed him, and then decided to get him out of the way. The governor ordered out a company of militia to protect the negro, but later cancelled the order when he found out that there was no danger of a lynching.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 9.—Roby Baskin, murderer of the Rev. W. T. Hudson, was lynched by a mob here this afternoon. A crowd of over 300 determined citizens took him from the jail and hanged him to a nearby tree. Not a shot was fired, and the whole proceeding was conducted quietly.

Sheriff Dean, of Okolona, arrived just as the negro breathed his last. Leaders of the mob said the negro had not been given a speedy trial as promised, and that they could not be blamed for taking justice into their own hands.

The prisoner was seized without resistance and accepted his fate as a matter of course, sullen and without a word of entreaty or prayer. He was hanged from an elm tree within two hundred yards of the county jail.

The representatives of the sheriff here declared they considered their action in surrendering the negro, in view of the refusal of the court to call a special term, justified in the interest of law and order. Should their action be criticised they declare they will resign.

According to Baskin's confession he first robbed and, in fear that he would be arrested for the robbery, shot and killed the minister, throwing his body into a pond where it was found by searchers.

## VALUABLE MATTRESS.

Over Fifty Thousand Dollars Found Sewed In One.

Lockport, N. Y., Feb. 9.—More than \$50,000 in cash has been found in a mattress on the bed of James Mahar, a civil war veteran, who died here on Saturday. His two sons, James and Lawrence, will inherit the money. The old soldier, who died in his seventy-first year, had been a prisoner at Andersonville during the civil war and drew a government pension. He had been ill for fourteen years and during all that time did not leave his room. His pension money, together with a large part of his life savings, he had placed carefully in the mattress.

## MAN SHOT DOWN

And Killed in the Streets of Charlotte Tuesday.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 9.—J. G. Hood, for many years prominent in business here, was shot through the head three times this morning by W. S. Biggers, a farmer. Biggers overtook Hood in front of the Central hotel and fired four shots at close range. One ball passed through the hotel bus, missing the driver's head by six inches. It is understood that Biggers claimed he had been swindled out of money in business transactions. Both men has families.

## STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Barn and Three Head of Stock Is Burned.

Johnston, Feb. 9.—The rain storm that passed over Johnston on Friday evening was accompanied by thunder and lightning, the latter setting fire to the barn of Mr. Luke Lott, near Johnston, burning the building, with all its contents of feed and farming implements and three head of stock. Mr. Lott's loss was heavy, with no insurance, but the good people of Johnston and community will reimburse him.

## LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Orders Battleships to Pacific and Orders Out Militia.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The Columbia Record says is begins to look like the national government expects a war with Japan or something of the sort. It is said that five or six of the battleships will be sent to the Pacific as soon as the fleet returns, and now California has been requested by the federal authorities to raise sixteen companies of reserves for coast defense.

## Theatres Corrupt.

New York, Feb. 8.—"The stage is worse today than it was in the days of Paganism," said Archbishop Farley, in his sermon in St. Patrick's cathedral yesterday.

## DEAL IS ON FOOT

TO SHIP OUR COTTON DIRECT TO EUROPE.

Gotenburg Wholesaler, With Large Holdings in Company Operating Savannah Line, the Prime Mover.

The Columbia Record says for some time Commissioner E. J. Watson has striven to get the cotton from this state shipped direct to European points, thus avoiding the profits to middlemen.

The scheme has lately been furthered and to the extent that on the 15th of the month, Mr. Watson and Mr. B. Harris, of Pendleton, will go to Savannah, where they will meet Mr. Wilhelm Dickson, a director of the Swedish-American steamship company, with headquarters at Gotenborg, Sweden.

The object of the conference is to look into the feasibility of opening Southern ports for the exporting of cotton by regular steamship lines.

Mr. Dickson is a prominent exporter and is greatly interested in the scheme above mentioned. On December 1st of last year he wrote the following letter to Commissioner Watson relative to the matter: "Dear Sir: Being one of the directors of Captain Lundgren's steamship company, 'Rederi Aktiebolaget Trans-Atlantic,' and having worked with him hand in hand since we started proceedings in buying two small tramp steamers, I am naturally informed of and fully initiated in, as well as greatly interested in, your plan of the direct line between Charleston and Sweden. I shall be starting on January 16th for New York on other business, but I shall before that go fully through everything with my friend Lundgren, and shall have great pleasure in making an appointment with you when over in America to discuss matters, especially so the matter I herewith take the liberty of putting before you."

"As you are well aware, there is a large cotton export, and also a great rosin export, and these two different classes of goods would naturally be greatly favored by the new projected line, and merchants on your side would naturally be anxious of forming good direct connections on this side. It is thus my purpose by writing this letter to ask you kindly to put me into connection with people who would be interested in shipping their goods by the direct line, and getting a reliable agent over there. I thus propose to take up these agencies. I am prepared to take up any big article you put before me, but of course, I am only wishing to touch the wholesale trade and make a large turnover. I am myself carrying on a large export business, and I am thus open for such proposals as I have named to you.

"With regard to my personal standing, beg to refer you to Aktiebolaget Coteborg Handelsbank and Captain Lundgren, and besides, when you were here, you were sure to have heard about me.

"Hoping to hear from you before I leave this country, and that you shall be able to put before me some proposal which I might take up and arrange when I get to your side. I remain, dear sir, hoping for a speedy and lucky development of mutual plans,

"Yours very truly,

"WM. DICKSON."

What will be the outcome of the conference, of course, is matter of conjecture, but Messrs. Watson and Harris will leave no stone unturned in the effort to cause the conference to bear fruit.

## A YOUNG SUICIDE.

Eight-Year-Old Girl Takes Her Own Life.

Pittsburg, Feb. 8.—Word was received here today from Bolivar, Pa., of the suicide there last night of May Estella, eight years old. The child's mother died some time ago and she has since been caring for two younger children. Sunday night the child said to her father: "Papa, I am going to shoot." Before he had time to realize the meaning of the words, the girl fired a bullet into her right temple.

## EXPLODED DYNAMITE

In His Pocket and Died From Injury Received.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 8.—Herbert Fisher, aged 13 years, of Sparks Gap, south of Birmingham, is dead as a result of exploding a dynamite cap which he had in his pocket.

The little fellow did not know what he had and was knocking it when the explosion followed. The boy's arm and hip were torn from the body and death was instantaneous.

## Burned in Bunks.

Norfolk, Feb. 9.—The Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company's ferry steamer was burned to the water's edge at her pier here this morning. Three of her crew were burned to death in their bunks.

## FLIM FLAM GAME

Worked on the Ministers of Atlanta a Few Days Ago

## BY A SMOOTH ARTIST

The Fellow, Who Admitted With Great Flow of Tears, That He Had Been All Kinds of a Rascal—Took Up a Neat Collection From the Ministers.

Atlanta, Feb. 10.—The Journal says a shrewd beggar with histrionic ability in general and of of humanity in general and of preachers in particular, left Atlanta last week, taking with him contributions from the majority of the local ministry. In all, he secured fifteen or twenty dollars, a pair of trousers, and an overwhelming number of handclaps and assurances of help.

He was a weazened little man with a wail in his voice. Rev. H. A. Atkinson found him on the threshold of his study last Wednesday. He pointed one trembling finger at the minister.

"I am a forger," he said. "That was his introduction to the ministers of Atlanta. His story was dramatic. He said his name was Henry McKenzie.

"For twenty-two years I was in Sing Sing for forgery," he told Dr. Atkinson. "Then I was paroled, and I came to South Carolina to try life over again. I got a job. I was living honestly, then they found out my past and I was fired. Since then it has been the same thing over again. My story follows me everywhere. Once I get work and life begins to promise something, someone hears of it and I am discharged.

"I forged one check for \$37,000 on J. Pierpont Morgan in my bad days and got it cashed. That was only one of the terrible things I did. My life was black. But I want to put all that behind me now and live a new life, but the world won't let me. I have paid my debt to society and still it demands more."

Dr. Atkinson gave him two dollars and the pair of trousers. He also set about getting him work.

The following day, the man all atremble, came to Rev. E. D. Ellenwood's study.

"I am a forger," he said again. Then his fingers began to work and the tears to roll down his face.

"And God help me, a morphine fiend, too," he cried. "But I have determined to make a new life of it."

He snatched a box from his pocket and threw it into the fire.

"I shall never touch morphine again."

Dr. Ellenwood gave half a dollar. After the man had left he took the box from the stove. In it were some white powders, which he showed to a druggist. The druggist said they were not morphine powders at all.

When he asked Dr. Ellenwood for money, the latter offered to buy him any food he might wish.

But you must trust me, doctor," he said. "Trust is what I need. Trust and confidence."

He said the same thing to Dr. Atkinson.

Then he paid a visit to Dr. C. B. Wilmer, from whom he secured several dollars; dropped in to see Dr. Pise, called upon Bishop C. K. Nelson, and saw Rev. E. H. Peacock, of the Baptist Tabernacle.

By Thursday Dr. Atkinson had secured him a position driving a wagon with a gang of convicts. He came to the minister with tears in his eyes.

"Don't you see that I can't do such work as that," he said. "I couldn't endure to watch those poor black men in chains, after the horrible imprisonment I have gone through myself."

It was an emotion too commendable to be scoffed at. It showed that his heart was tender and throbbing. All he needed was a further loan. He made another round of visits and told his story all over again. He told of the horrible twenty-two years he had spent at Sing Sing, and he told of the agony he had since suffered when his story would follow him from place to place.

His wail was "I have paid society. Why can't my debt be canceled?"

He was a very slight, pitiable looking man, and the sorrow of his voice was deep.

More contributions came in. Then he went away. It is believed that he is now in Columbus. It is immaterial to the Atlanta ministry where he is.

Saturday Dr. Ellenwood got a letter from the warden of Sing Sing in which he said that no such man as Henry McKenzie had ever been a prisoner there.

## Two Life Sentences.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—Punished with two life sentences in the predicament of Noah Adams, a negro of Columbus, Ga. In police circles it is hinted facetiously that the double sentence was given Noah on account of his first name.

## WINS HIS FIGHT.

CRUM'S CHANCES FOR CONFIRMATION VERY SLIGHT.

Senator Tillman Resents President's Attack on Senator Perkins—Japanese Question Discussed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Under the guise of considering the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum, the negro collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., reappointed by President Roosevelt, the Senate in executive session today discussed the Japanese question. Incidentally the question turned upon the reference to Senator Perkins by President Roosevelt in a telegram to Governor Gillett, of California, in which he said that the senior California Senator had hampered the Administration in its efforts to build up the navy, yet now "advises a policy of wanton insult."

Reference to this statement was made by Senator Tillman, colleague of Senator Perkins on the naval affairs committee, and indignation was shown by other Senators because of the attack upon Mr. Perkins. Both California Senators took part in the discussion. Senator Perkins made a statement to the effect that he had not been asked by the President to participate in the conferences that have been held concerning the Japanese situation in California.

He said that he could not understand why the President should intimate that he tried to stir up the sentiment in California in opposition of the President. He stated what his position had been on the subject of a big navy, declaring that he had always been in favor of a steady growth of the navy, even though he was against the President's four battle ship program last session.

Senator Flint declared that he had not participated in the conference at the White House until he was asked to serve as the intermediary between the Administration and the Legislature. He made it clear that he did not approve of the criticism of his colleague.

While it is becoming apparent that Collector Crum cannot be confirmed at the present session, it is also evident that the case is being used as a "buffer" for legislation which the leaders do not intend shall be passed. Senators Tillman, Frazer and Gary made extended speeches today on the race question in the South.

Mr. Gary talked of the Crum case in particular and against the policy of placing negroes in important official positions where it is necessary for whites to come in contact with them, and especially in cases where practically all of the business of an office is transacted by white people.

## PECULIAR MALADY.

Takes Away a Young Lad at Varnville Friday.

Varnville, S. C., Feb. 8.—On February 5th, Mr. Frank Mixson, of Stafford's Cross Roads, lost a son under peculiar circumstances. The young man who was fourteen years old, was taken with cramps in both feet and legs, suffering excruciating pains. In a few days the flesh on both legs turned black, and commenced falling off. The physicians decided to take off the legs as they claimed it was blood poisoning, this was once above the knees and then the disease assumed the form of meningitis. The boy's head was drawn back until he died. The doctors do not know what the disease was but, say it was blood poisoning.

## BOLT AND GET SHOT.

Atlanta Convicts Attempt to Break Jail and Escape.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—As the result of a bolt for liberty shortly before midnight Sunday at the city stockade, G. E. Motz was shot and wounded by a guard, J. W. Humphreys fell from the prison building and was badly hurt, a third convict was shot at on top of the building and darted back inside, and four other convicts made a successful escape. Prompt action by the guard prevented a wholesale delivery, as fully 40 convicts has already attempted to escape and seven men who had gained their freedom brought back. The prisoners sawed two iron bars from a prison window.

## ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Four Negro Prisoners Take French Leave of Sheriff.

Walterboro, Feb. 9.—Monday evening, while Sheriff Fox and family were at supper, four of the seven negroes in jail escaped. Those who escaped were Israel Campbell, Morris Judge, Sam Brooks and Elijah Smith. It appears that the lock to the outer door was out of order, apparently having been tampered with, and had been taken off to be fixed.

## Blizzards Begin.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9.—A blizzard is raging here with the mercury at zero and the wind blowing fifty miles an hour.

## VERY CLOSE CALL.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME AND MRS. JEROME

Came Very Near Being Killed by Escaping Gas Turned on by a Girl Suicide.

New York, Feb. 8.—District Attorney William Travers Jerome, his wife and their Japanese servant were partly overcome today by gas which poured into their apartments at No. 32 Rutgers street from a room beneath, in which Sarah Schwardron, 19 years old, had committed suicide. The Schwardron girl was employed by the family of Jacob Karkes on the second floor of the building. When she retired last evening she opened a door of the kitchen, which led into her room and turned on the gas in the kitchen stove and in her room.

Mr. Jerome and his wife returned to their home at midnight. The district attorney noticed a pronounced odor of gas in the hallway and he inspected all the jets there. Finding them all in order, he concluded that there was only a trifling leak and he and his wife retired.

Meantime the gas was pouring up into the room, where Mr. Jerome and his wife were asleep. Karkes woke up early in the morning and noticed the smell of gas. He aroused Isaac Dunne, a boarder in the Karkes household and the two men made their way to the kitchen. They were almost overcome by the gas as they opened the door. His cries aroused Mr. Jerome and the district attorney got up with difficulty and with his wife made his way from the house. The Japanese servant, aroused by Mr. Jerome, was also weak from inhaling the gas.

## KEEPING A BATTLESHIP.

What It Costs the Government to Keep One Up.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Responding to a resolution introduced by Senator Clay, a report was sent to the senate today by Secretary of the Navy Newberry, saying that it costs \$109,856 to keep a first class battleship in repair and good condition for one year. This figure was obtained by taking the average of the cost of keeping seventeen battleships in repair for the fiscal year, 1908.

It does not include extraordinary repair incident to taking a ship out of commission remodeling, or reconstructing it.

The cost of coal used on battleships for the fiscal year, 1908, was \$3,163,902 and this amount was increased by transportation and storage charges to \$5,544,945. The coal was bought from sixteen companies at prices varying from \$2.60 to \$6.75 per ton, the variation being due to the state of the market, the number of tons per contract, and the distance of delivery.

## THE PRODIGAL SON

Blows in Thirteen Thousand Dollars in a Few Weeks.

New York, Feb. 8.—Frank Hillier, who tells the police he is a 19-year-old student and has just finished spending \$12,000 left him three months ago by his father, in Little Rock, Ark., was arrested in front of the Hotel Astor, where he has been lodging, charged with passing a bad check for \$20 on the Prince George hotel. With the \$12,000 in his hands, Hillier says he started out to see the country. He went to Cuba and on his way North stopped at Tampa, Palm Beach and other Southern resorts. He experimented with the races. He landed in New York ten days ago, with very little of his patrimony remaining. He had ten cents when arrested.

## WOMAN FINDS HERSELF

By Reading Newspaper Accounts of Her Disappearance.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—Mrs. W. E. Scruggs, the Warrenton woman, who has been missing, following her departure ostensibly for home from here two weeks ago, has returned to Atlanta and is now with her husband here. Mrs. Scruggs went as far as Richmond, Va., where she happened to see an account of her disappearance in a paper. She bought a return ticket for home immediately. She was in a state bordering on nervous prostration when she arrived here, but there are no serious apprehensions as to her early recovery.

## ATTACKED THE SHERIFF.

Was Knocked Down and Fired at Fifteen Times.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 8.—A mob of negroes attacked Sheriff I. M. Hoff at Humble today and he narrowly escaped death. He was knocked down and fired at fifteen times. Hoff escaped by cutting his way through the mob with a knife. A serious riot is feared. A large posse is forming to make wholesale arrests. The sheriff had gone to Humble to arrest a negro charged with murder.

## WHO CAN IT BE?

Five Young Women Mysteriously Murdered by UNKNOWN MURDERER.

## UNKNOWN MURDERER.

While Comparing With the White-chapel Murders Over in England of Twenty Years Ago, the Murder of These Young Women Have No Parallel in Our Crime Annals.

Atlanta, Feb. 9.—The Journal says while comparing with the infamous Whitechapel murders of twenty years ago, the Dayton girl murders have no parallel in American crime annals.

Altogether, it appears, five young women were mysteriously murdered and the police theory is that all were struck down by the same fiendish hand.

This may or may not be true. It is a fact, however, that five young women of about the same age and social condition, have been mysteriously murdered in the Ohio city and there are various tangible circumstances which seem to connect the crimes.

The police call the supposed murderer "ack the Strangler," from the fact that all of the girls were apparently killed by the clutch of a monster's hand upon the throat.

The latest victim was pretty Elizabeth Fulhart, a little country girl, who went to Dayton to obtain employment. The day after her arrival she disappeared. It is believed that she was lured into a vacant house, in the resident district, strangled to death, otherwise abused and dropped into a cistern in the rear of the dwelling.

Two workmen happened to open the old cistern, a week after the girl disappeared, and discovered the body, floating on the water. It was fished out through the manhole through which it had been dropped, and soon identified by the girl's brother. The girl was fully dressed.

From the condition of the remains the police were unable to decide how death had been inflicted, but that there were no wounds seemed to strengthen the theory that she had been strangled. The body had been wrapped in a piece of gunny sack.

The police went out to solve the mystery without any definite clue or theory as to a possible motive. The girl was known as of good character.

On January 23, 1909, Mary Forstner, 15, was assaulted and choked to death by some unknown man. Her body was found in an old shed. The police were completely baffled by this crime.

Anna Markowitz, 18, was assaulted and killed on the night of August 5, 1907. She was seized by an unknown man while walking in a park with her sister and a young man friend. The sister ran off to get help. When the police arrived the girl lay dead in a thicket.

Layton Hines was arrested, and on circumstantial evidence was sentenced to life imprisonment. The police now frankly say that they doubt Hines' guilt.

Dona Gilman, 20, was assaulted, then strangled to death, by a fiend on the night of November 20, 1906. Her body was found forty hours later concealed in a thicket near her home.

Ada Lantz, 13, after an assault, was thrown into a vault in the rear of her home and was there found dead. A party was in progress in the girl's home at the time. This crime, occurring in 1901, has never been solved.

## ROBBED KILLED AT LAURENS

Known as Sheney Mike, Buried in Potter's Field.

Laurens, Feb. 8.—Advices from Postoffice Inspector Gregory say the yeggman killed here in a fight with policemen, January 28th, was known as "Sheney Mike," or "Kentucky Sheney," originally of Louisville. This is based on a statement from a reform safe blower living in Boston, who was in jail with Sheney in Norfolk in 1898. Monday afternoon his body was buried in the Potter's field of the city burying grounds, the mayor, aldermen and other city officials being present. No service of any kind was held.

## LYNCHING IN ALABAMA.